BONSAI NEWS

April 2018



April Meeting

Austin Heitzman will be our guest at our meeting on April 3rd .

He is a Portland based furniture maker with a great ability to make Bonsai tables.

Please look at his website to see his great creations. He makes consignment pieces if you have specific sizes. We hope to see you at the meeting beginning at 6:30 on April 3rd .

http:// www.austinheitzmanfurnitur e.com/

April

April 3**—MBS meeting** Austin Heitzman-Displays April 7-Novice class* April 28-Intermediate class*

May

May 1**—MBS meeting**—David Kreutz-Azaleas May 26-Novice class*

June

June 5 —**MBS meeting** Todd Schlafer June 16-Intermediate class* June 23-Raft workshop*

July

July 3—*No MBS meeting* July 14-Picnic

August

Aug 2-12—State Fair Aug 7**—MBS meeting** Tropicals

*Open to MBS members only

Next Meeting April 3, 2018 6:45pm Boerner Botanical Gardens



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President's Message April 2018

April is upon us and I think spring is finally on the way; my tulips are popping up and tulips don't lie about the weather getting warmer, right? I, personally, Can't wait for the growing season to get under way so I Can finally start working on my trees. The bonsai room is set up and ready for relaxing time working on my trees.

I have spent this winter Catching up on reading my bonsai books from the MBS library and making plans for each of the trees in my collection, 8 in total. Don't worry Rena, I will be returning my library books before the next Tuesday meeting so others Can Check them out. I encourage everyone to look through their books and return any MBS library items so other members will be able to enjoy the books.

Our April Tuesday meeting features Austin Heitzman, a woodworker and display expert from Portland OR. If you haven't already looked at his website you really should take a peek at the sampling of bonsai stands he has featured. Austin will be talking about displays and I'm looking forward to getting ideas and tips for displaying my trees.

MBS has recently set up on-line registration for workshops on EventBrite. You are now able to sign up for future workshops electronically, pay the registration fee and then receive confirmation of your transaction immediately. Paper registration forms will still be available. The website and newsletter are the best places to find these paper forms.

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome John H to the executive committee. John is replacing Kris Z who has stepped down as 2nd Vice-President due to personal reasons. Thank you Kris for your years of service to MBS by serving on the board. Your ideas and suggestions have enabled the club to offer quality programs to members. Although we will still see Kris at club functions, she will be missed on the board. I'm confident John will be able to carry on the functions Kris has left behind.

Remember to follow MBS on Facebook for the latest information on club activities.

Happy growing season, Melissa

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SEE ALL THE PRODUCTS: www.WiscoBonsai.blogspot.com ALSO TAKING ORDERS FOR LARGER QUANTITIES OF PRESIFTED & SIZED SUBSTRATE ORDERS FOR SPRING 2018.DON'T BE CAUGHT UNPREPARED !!!

contact: WiscoBonsai@gmail.com

MBS WORLD BONSAI DAY EXHIBIT AT LYNDEN SCULPTURE GARDEN

Exhibit your bonsai in the Bonsai Pavilion at Lynden Sculpture Garden in celebration of World Bonsai Day.

The bonsai in the permanent exhibit will be removed and this special exhibit of MBS member bonsai will be placed on exhibit from Saturday May 12th through Sunday May 20th 2018.

To enter:

Photograph the tree you want to enter (snapshots are acceptable) Put the photos into a folder along with:

basic information about the bonsai (species, size, estimated age, history, etc.) your name and contact information in a sealed envelope Give the folder to Jack D. no later than April 3, 2018.

Each MBS member can submit up to three entries. Please place each entry in a separate folder. All entries will be judged by an experienced bonsai artist who is not a member of MBS.

Twenty bonsai will be selected by the judge to be placed on display in the Bonsai Pavilion at Lynden to celebrate World Bonsai Day. One of them could be yours!

There are no restrictions related to length of ownership and no classifications as to level of experience. No awards will be given.

Email entries cannot be accepted.

The Opening Reception will be held on the afternoon of May 12 and is open to all. A demonstration will be given and refreshments will be served.

You do have to enter if you want your bonsai to be considered for this exhibit! So photograph your best trees, prepare your entries and get them to Jack by April 3, 2018.

Any questions call Jack at 414.248.6913





MBS Fundraiser

As you are de-wiring your trees, please keep the pieces and bring to any MBS meeting. We will recycle the aluminum and copper to buy more wire for the club.

Please separate the aluminum from the copper.



Interested in hosting a guest artist?

Responsibility:

- 1. Pick up the guest artist at the airport
- 2. Feed and lodge the artist
- 3. Drive the artist (or make arrangements for someone else to drive the artist) to each activity.
- 4. Make arrangements ahead of time with someone in the workshop / class to provide for the artist's lunch and dinner. If no one in the activity will offer to take the artist to dinner, that then falls upon the host.
- 5. Pick up the artist from the activity or make arrangements for someone in the activity to bring him to the host's home or meet somewhere in between (perhaps for dinner).
- 6. Return the guest artist to the airport.

In essence, make sure that the guest artist has a pleasant, well organized stay.

Privileges:

Since the host is not reimbursed for any expenses, the following is a way to thank him/her for his/her service to the Society. For each day of hosting, the host will receive 1/2 hour of time with the guest artist (if and only if the guest artist is willing) without having to pay anything to MBS (including travel expenses)



- I will only grow the number of bonsai I can really take care of and keep in excellent condition.
- I will wire at the correct time and I will unwire BEFORE the tree grows into the wire.
- 3. I will fertilize correctly and on time.
- 4. I will keep up with trimming the trees.
- 5. I will learn about a species before I work with it.
- 6. I will bring my bonsai to club meetings to show it off or to get advice when needed. I will photograph my bonsai in all stages.
- 7. I will water by hand so I can inspect my bonsai for problems.
- I will only collect trees in legal areas and only in amounts I can work with or share with others.
- 9. I will work only on healthy stock.
- I will take time to learn more about bonsai, to enjoy my bonsai and to share them with friends.
- I will attend California Shohin Society Seminars ,ABS Learning Seminars in St Louis, GSBF in California and the National Bonsai Exhibition in Rochester to meet and learn with my fellow bonsai lovers.

A HAPPY AND FRUITFUL NEW BONSAI YEAR TO ALL



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Next MBS meeting will be April 3, 2018 at 6:45pm Boerner Botanical Gardens 9400 Boerner Dr Hales Corners, WI 53130

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Bonsai quote...

If you can't find the front, instead find the back and then rotate it 180 degrees. - John Naka